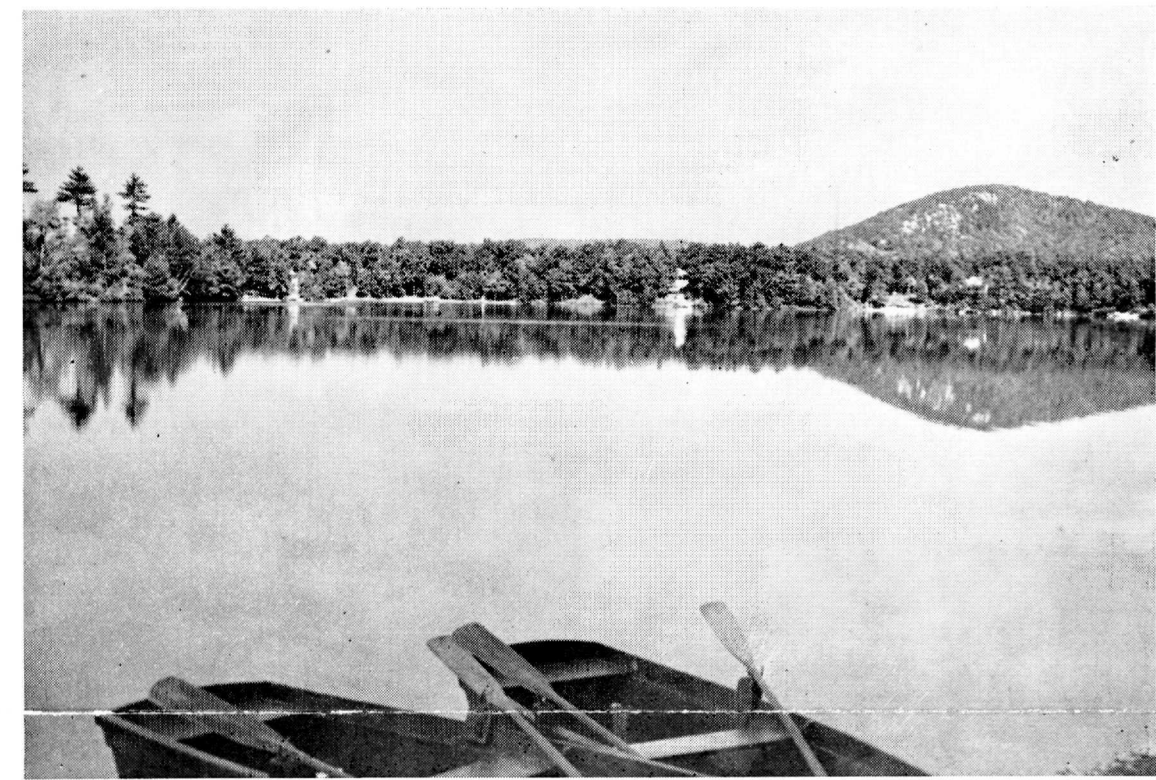


# THE SPRAGUE LOG

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This scene at Packard Lake reminds us of the vacations we spent doing what we wanted to do and of the ones coming up again next year.

## FOREMAN CLAMBAKE

The Sprague Electric Foremen held their annual clambake at Wenzel's Farm in Adams on August 20. Program director, George Saulnier, kept things running smoothly while some forty-five members thoroughly enjoyed the outing. Although the weather was a little on the cool side, the boys warmed up to the occasion by taking part in various forms of recreation. Horse-shoe pitching, softball, tug-o-war, cards and all types of races were contested during the afternoon.

Anyone who went away hungry could blame no one but himself. During the mid-day, hot clam chowder, hot-dogs, hamburgers and soft drinks were served by three very capable chefs.

For the second straight year, Fred Potter headed the victorious softball team with Freddie Powers as his running mate. Leon Pike was the sole arbitrator until Norman Schultz gave him a hand on the base paths. This game was a sight to behold, and no quarter was given on either side. Hank Gamari, who is a city softball umpire, played with the losing club and his official diagnosis of every play had Leon Pike a trifle bewildered at times, but Hank's decisions were never altered. Incidentally, if anyone is looking for a great catcher for his team, don't sign Ray Calvi. He needed three men to back him up. Jack Washburn, while perched on third base, was caught off the bag by the oldest trick in the game — the hidden ball — and H. Brafman got the satisfaction of slapping the ball on him. Is your face still red or merely windblown, Jack?

Harold Brafman played the hot

## TACONIC PARK SCENE OF ICW CLAMBAKE

The committee in charge of the ICW No. 2 clambake, which was held at Taconic Park on August 20, was gratified at the large number of Sprague employees and their families who enjoyed the day under ideal weather conditions.

The crowd came early for the good food and the good fun which lasted until seven o'clock in the evening. Much of the fun consisted of inter-plant sports such as tug-o-war, horse-shoe pitching and softball. Swimming was also enjoyed by many. Galloping dominoes and card games furnished amusement for a large number.

corner, or maybe it should be called the *sore* corner. "Braf" was cut down three times by runners sliding into third. Walt Rohane was the smallest man on the field, but those broad shoulders and rippling biceps fooled the opposition as he poled out long drives during the afternoon. Howie Sherman patrolled C.F. and showed the boys that the DiMaggios aren't the only ones who possess arms as he whipped the ball into all bases with uncanny accuracy. Adam Novak pitched for the losing squad, and was good—so good, in fact, that even Tuffy Rondeau garnered a couple of bingles, wearing a set of glasses. Adams' battery mate was Ray Calvi—the less said about his performance the better. As the opposition scored, Ray was heard giving out false scores in order to bolster his team's morale! Charlie Dean, at first base, saved many an error with brilliant catches. Bare hands, too! He took his life in his

As usual, much interest centered around the food which consisted of hot-dogs, clam chowder, hamburgers and, for the big bake, chicken with all fixin's. Liquid refreshments were in evidence and helped keep things going throughout the day.

The committee feels that the clambake attracts more interest each year and that more and more fun is evidenced. They hope that all employees will eventually take advantage of this opportunity to get together for relaxation and fun and get to know each other better by so doing.

hands, however, by making the put-outs with a burning stogie in his mouth.

In the jockey race, John Fabricius and H. Brafman copped first prize. Jack Shields, as the horse, and Ken Russell, as the jockey, seemed to have the race sewed up until Jack stumbled and fell throwing his rider heavily to the ground. At first, it was thought wise to shoot the horse as his leg was where his head should have been, but it proved to be an optical illusion and the horse is still alive but not doing much kicking.

Ray Calvi showed the boys how to hop along, all done up in a burlap bag, and copped first prize with ease. George Roy started fast but fell a short distance out and went down along with four other fellows. Just like bowling eh George? The tug-o-war was won by the fellows from Brown and

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## EXPORTS VITAL TO FOREIGN ECONOMY

### SPRAGUE EXPORTS REACH IMPORTANT FOREIGN MARKETS

In line with the interest in Great Britain's financial crisis which will be discussed by representatives from the United States, Canada and Great Britain in Washington next week, we have become export-minded. We asked Mr. William N. Adams, Sprague Electric Export Manager, to tell us something of the way our export business works so that we can narrow all this interest down to our Sprague exports.

"I have been asked to tell you something about your Export Division..."

"In good times, as a Nation, we are apt to forget how important our total exports are to our own well-being. When times get tough, everybody gets interested in exports and starts shouting for more."

"The United States normally exports about 10% of its total production; and it is easy to see that this 10% may be the difference between profit and loss, between having a job and being out of one."

"Before 1947, Sprague exports were handled by various U. S. exporters; but in the middle of that year, the company decided to handle its own exports. Since that time, distribution has been established in every foreign market of importance."

"Unfortunately, we cannot pay our rent with French francs, British pounds, or South American pesos. Therefore, when we sell abroad, we have to get dollars; but there is a shortage of dollars, as everybody has heard."

"When the war ended, the U. S. was practically the only available source of materials badly needed by the world. However, despite lend lease, our largest foreign customers had already spent most of their dollars

buying war supplies and food. What few dollars remained to them were spent in the first two years following the end of the war. The U. S. was then faced with a world that badly needed our products but had no dollars with which to buy them."

"In order that Europe might continue to eat and be enabled to buy the equipment and supplies needed to rehabilitate themselves, the Marshall Plan (now known as ECA) was passed by Congress. ECA has helped maintain exports in the food and heavy industries, but has had only small significance on manufactured parts, such as capacitors."

"Dollars are made in international business in the same way as they are in local business; namely, by the exchange of goods."

"Because all those connected with American industry have been willing to work harder and produce more, we have more of this world's goods and need less from other countries. If Foreign Countries want to continue to buy from us, they cannot rely on a Marshall Plan or any other such device indefinitely, but must depend on their own creative ingenuity and ability to produce goods at a quality and price which is acceptable to us, for, only when we buy from foreigners

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The new lunch wagon in operation at the Beaver Street Plant. The wagon visits certain areas at given times each day which enables us to get our lunch on the spot.

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## OUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE

School will open soon after Labor Day, much to the disgust of hundreds of children. To many parents, it means getting little Mary or Willie out of the house for a few hours each day but, to others, it means opportunity for Mary or Willie to learn how to be the best sort of citizen in the best nation in the world.

Whatever our attitude toward this moment, we cannot escape our responsibility in connection with our schools whether they be private, parochial or public. It matters not whether we support the school by tuition, donation or taxation; the school is our institution and reflects, in many ways, our interest in it.

There is little excuse for our sitting back and criticizing the teachers and the administration for a school's shortcomings. That is the easy way, it is true, but it is the lazy man's way, too. The only way we can really be of service to the people and the institutions which help mold our children's future is to get in there and pitch.

If we work in P.T.A., serve on committees, attend meetings for the parents and get behind Mary and Willie every now and then to see that they are turning out their best for "teacher", we can safely sit back and criticize since we are part of the working unit that is the school.

Once we become part of the working unit, we understand more about what makes it tick and our attitude becomes a little more mellow. Then we begin to search ourselves for helpful hints which may make the whole show run more smoothly. When we begin to have ideas they multiply like the proverbial fly and we become valuable members of the school community. Little Mary or Willie may well be proud of a parent who knows what school is and who strives to make it a better medium for learning and growth.

The children are ours. The schools are ours. Let's give our best to make them the best we can offer the future which waits with open arms to greet what we have to give.

## RALPH C. PADDOCK

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Ralph C. Paddock of Petersburg, N. Y., who died on August 28, after a long illness. Ralph, who was employed in the Pilot Plant at Brown Street, is survived by his mother, father and three sisters.

## Exports

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can they obtain dollars.

"Europe and the world have been slow in accepting this fact, but once they do, there is hope that normal exchange of goods will be resumed and that the world standard of living will be improved.

"Despite the many artificial restrictions that have been imposed on foreigners desiring to import our products and the almost complete closing of some of our formerly best markets, such as Great Britain, Argentina, and Australia, Sprague exports are better this year than last. This result, small as it is, has been accomplished by concentrating our sales effort on items vital to the economy of foreign countries and by seeking to broaden our world coverage on the theory that out of many grains of sand, great beaches develop.

"Your exports are going to have tough sledding until the financial situation is improved (and there are very serious efforts being made to this end,) but once restrictions are removed, due to the wonderful reputation for quality and dependability which Sprague has built up abroad, we may expect very substantial increases in our exports."

## SHOWERS

Miss Doris Stevens, who will be married on September 17 to Clarence A. Rennell, was guest of honor at a shower given by her sister, Betty, and Anne Provencher on August 28. Doris is employed in the Sales Office.

Miss Sarah Candiloro was feted at a shower given by her sister, Mrs. Victoria Testa, on August 28. She will be married to Lawrence D. Roulou on Saturday, September 3. Sarah works in the Small Orders Department.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Miss Lorraine Gibeau of the Small Order Department and Gerald LaVigne will be married on September 24 in St. Francis' Church.

Miss Anna Pessolano and Stanley J. Osizio of D.T.Q. will be married on October 15 in St. Anthony's Church.

TOM SLATER  
IN LIFE PICTURE

People and things at Sprague Electric are always making news. When Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Slater left North Adams on their honeymoon last June, they probably did not know they would be peeping at the world from the pages of LIFE magazine. Their pictures appear in connection with a feature story about Greyhound bus drivers. Tom is employed in the Dry Rolling Department.

## Do We Vaccinate?

With the opening of school just a few days away, we find ourselves slipping back into thinking about all the details we put on the shelf during the summer. New shoes and fall clothes for the children are important as morale builders, but there are other things that affect their physical well-being and thus become more important to them and to us.

Among these important things is the question of vaccination. As we know, all children must be vaccinated if they are to be permitted to attend school in Massachusetts. Many of us are likely to think that silly since smallpox is no longer a prevalent disease. Of course, the reason it is no longer prevalent is that vaccination is compulsory in most states.

The case of Mr. V.'s visit to Williamstown in 1931 shows us the wisdom of this requirement: Mr. V., sick with unrecognized smallpox, came to Williamstown to join his family. On the way, he stopped for five days at the home of his sister in Bennington. Two of that family had not been vaccinated and contracted smallpox from Mr. V.; the three vaccinated members of the family did not get it. Then he came on to Williamstown where, in his own home, his wife and mother-in-law had been vaccinated. They did not get smallpox, but all the unvaccinated members of the family did get it. On the first night he was home, Mr. V. attended a dance where all guests but one had been vaccinated as children. That one guest developed smallpox while the others escaped.

This close-home example serves to stress the necessity for cooperating with the authorities in trying to wipe out completely this menacing disease.

**Let's Protect Our Homes And Community By Early Vaccination.**

## OUR SAFETY CORNER



## Weddings

Miss Nancy Verna Barschdorf, Supervisor of Industrial Oils, and Henry Francis Puppolo of Engineering and Research, were married on August 20 in St. Thomas' Church. After a wedding trip to Niagara Falls and New York City, the couple will be at home at 380 Ashland Street, North Adams.

## LUSSIER-NOEL

Miss Rita Gloria Noel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Noel, and Leo Paul Lussier, of the Molding Department, were married on August 27 in Notre Dame Church. They will be at home at 14 Tyler Street.

## MULCAHY-PETERS

Miss Virginia L. Peters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo O. Peters, and Charles Robert Mulcahy of the Automatic Rolling Department were married on August 27 in St. Francis Church. After a wedding trip to New York City, the couple will be at home at 278 Main Street.

## MARTELL-RICHARDS

Miss Bertha Lorian Richards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon A. Richards, and Clifford Edward Martell of the Brown Street Maintenance were married on August 27 in Notre Dame Church. They will make their home at 70 Beaver Street.

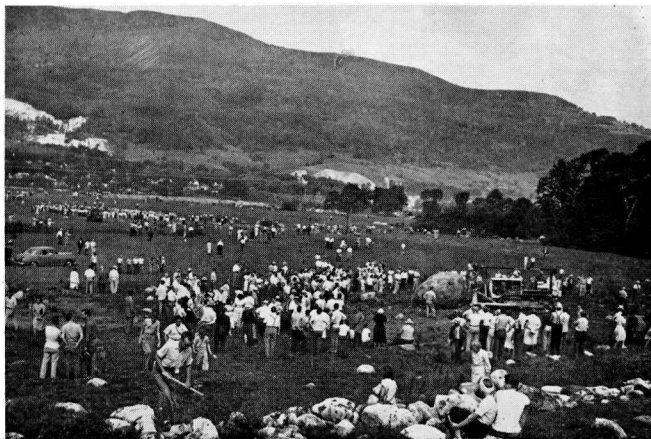
## Births

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Landry, a daughter on August 25. The mother is Veronica of Molded Tubular Solder.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur George, a son on August 28. The father is employed in Maintenance.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Cardimino, a son on August 9. The mother is Edna, formerly of P.A.A. Rolling.

## HADALA FARM RENOVATION



The large boulder, right center, was one of the many moved from the Hadala land at the time of the face-lifting.



Many Sprague capacitors and Koolohms resistors formed part of the television equipment which took the show into hundreds of homes.



## BUSY BEAVER NEWS

### UPPER OFFICES By Flo and Sue

#### Vacations:

Marion Pinsonnault, Betty Bogus and Florence Southgate at Hampton Beach. Susan Bishop at Home. John Pippolo at Cape Cod; Helen Root at Clinton Beach, Conn.; Hazel Geraghty at Cape Cod; Bill Campedelli at home; Gloria Moresi and Carolyn Martin at Charlestown Beach, R. I.; Frances Gatto at Myrtle Beach, Conn.; George Saulnier at Cape Cod and Walt Rohane at Lake Champlain.

FLASH! Bill Campedelli has another car. This time it is a 1947 Ford. We are all assuring Bill we think yellow is a lovely color.

Everybody agrees Fran Gatto looks very nice with her new hair style. And have you noticed her "be-bop" spectacles?

### MISC. PAPER FINISH

By Velma Lincoln

Vacations are still in the running. Most of the girls and boys have had their fun and are back in harness.

Most of all the departments went to the Union Clam Bake and had a good time.

Happy Birthday and congratulations to all those who are coming up with birthdays and anniversaries.

Mickey Sniezek and Gertrude Hall are back from the hospital feeling fine. And several of the girls are back after having been laid off for a while. It's good to have you back, girls — the more the merrier.

### F. P. DRYS

By Florence Harris

Vacations: June Bunting, Bermuda; Doretta Blanchard, Buzzard's Bay and Greenfield; John Pierce, Lake Mackinac; Fred King, New York; Margaret Fortier, Lake Lauderdale; Dorothy Dupuis, New York; Lee Charbonneau, New York and Atlantic City; Ora Leveque, Gaspé in the Province of Quebec; Roy Cook, Lake Champlain; Rita Cooper, Lake Champlain; Eva Benson, Sally LaFlamme, Emma Vivori, Malvina Harvey, Norma Harris and Anne Davine, at home.

### PAYROLL AND COST

A farewell party was held recently at Fort Massachusetts in honor of Mrs. Ruth Meiklejohn who has resigned her position to stay home for a while. The table was decorated with tiny pastel candy baskets, and the guest of honor was presented a gardenia corsage and sterling silver candelabrum. We will miss you, Ruth. Come in to see us sometime.

We welcome Alexandria Ashkar to Payroll and hope she enjoys working with us.



Guess Who? The lad on the far right now works in Miscellaneous Drys.

## MARSHALL STREET "Memos"

Marshall St. Stockroom and Incoming Inspection

By E. Mutart

Walter Barnes spent a grand two weeks at Hampton Beach. As we all know Hampton is a dry town, but Walt claims X marks the spot where 3 maybe 4 empties were buried under the blanket as they were supposedly reclining on the beach.

Viola Spagnola also had a very enjoyable week at Myrtle Beach, Conn. Bernard Levesque—zoomed off—for parts unknown on his motorcycle and landed in N. Y. City. Taxi driver friend noticing a fine a mile long behind Benny zipped ahead and enlightened him to the fact that 35 miles an hour was allowed in Manhattan.

Leo Wilcox, our little major, visited a few friends and did plenty of relaxing. Joe Roberts (a man of his word) vacationed at his favorite spot, Lake Champlain, and brought back, as he promised, some very tasty salmon trout.

The story goes that Harry Saunders spent most of his time at the Y.M.C.A. and trying to teach his kid brother a new recipe.

To each his own—Joe DeDebbio whose favorite sport is baseball, took off for Boston and enjoyed a Red Sox game.

Donald Viens liked Canada so well that he required an extension of time. An article appears elsewhere in the LOG, explaining why.

Charlie Bourdon whose hobby is fishing spent most of his time here and there. According to reports there isn't a stream, river or lake from here to Nassau, N. H. that he hasn't fished. Still trying, eh, Charlie?

Francis Gannon spent most of his time at Pontoosic Lake. Great invention these motorboats!!!

Don't get caught telling a tall story in our department because a quartet, Donald Viens, Benny Levesque, Harry Saunders, Steve Baldyga at the slightest hint of one render a song that would put the Mills Brothers to shame.

### CERAMICS

By Ida Gigliotti

Vacation time has finally arrived in this department.

Oliver Lothrop has been roughing it on his vacation by touring Canada up around the Hudson Bay. We hereby give you fair warning: don't come back without a couple of raccoon skins for Louise's coat.

Bill Lies's whereabouts are a mystery but he is vacationing.

Clyde King is spending his time enjoying his new Nash.

Mr. Wilson has been ill since his return from vacationing in Maine. We wish him a speedy recovery.

The most extended vacation comes to Louise Sweeney who will be leaving this department to further her studies at Columbia University. Our best wishes, Louise. We will miss you and will think of you often.

### AUTOMATIC ROLLING

By Choo-Choo

Alphege Gibeau vacationed at Lake Shaftsbury, Vermont.

John Raby spent a few days at Hempstead, New York.

Billy Richards and Jim Modena are back with us again after recovering from minor operations.

A stag was recently held at the American Legion Hall for "Chuck" Mulcahy who will have taken Virginia L. Peters as his bride by the time this goes to press.

Quite a few of the boys enjoyed themselves at the UCW clam bake. After hearing about the fun had by those who went, those who didn't go wish they had.

Herb Palmer is very happy. He has finally received his new Ford. It took a lot of patience to wait that long, Herb.



Directions for making this lovely doilie may be had at the Beaver Street Dispensary.

### SHIPPING ROOM

Vacations: James Knox, Maine; William Grogan, Cape Cod; Jean Charon, Hampton Beach; Claire Mancini, Narragansett Beach; Cecile Trudeau, Montreal; Ernest Gregory, New York City; Roma Perrault, Narragansett Beach; Jack Callahan, Windsor Pond.

## BROWN STREET BRIEFS

### INDUSTRIAL OIL ROLLING

By Helen Lesure

Well, here we are back from our vacationing sprees and ready for the good old routine again. Everyone has good stories to tell about their activities while away.

Alice Beauchamp says she and her husband had such a wonderful time at Lake George that they hope to go again next year.

Liz Slattery can give you a review of practically any play or musical comedy on Broadway. She and her family took New York by storm and enjoyed every moment of it. She didn't forget the kiddies in the department either—she brought us chocolates. Our sweet teeth thank you, Liz.

Albina Bouchard puttered around at home and made a trip to Schenectady but cancelled the trip to Montreal because of the excessive heat.

Ann Wabnig and her husband played pilgrims and landed in Plymouth, Mass. for a week. Ann says the old settlement has grown some.

Our boss, Jack Shields, covered the Lake Ontario region and found some time for fishing and relaxation before returning to keep this noisy gang in line. Have courage, Jack. Another year and another vacation are coming up.

Al Giusti spent most of his vacation moving to a new residence. However, Saratoga welcomed him for at least one weekend so he wasn't too disappointed.

Jo Sefcik is in New York at the moment and Marquise Walsh is in Detroit with her daughter. Have fun, both of you and thanks for the card, Jo.

My sister, Bernie Plantier, and I spent some time in Boston. The buildings there are tall enough for us. We'll try New York next time.

### Molded Tubulars Final Soldering

By Maria Mancini

A speedy recovery to Ruth Durant who had an appendectomy recently. We all miss you, Ruth.

In the line of vacations, Marion Andrews and her family went out to see if they could find Mrs. O'Leary's cow. They really did the city of Chicago up brown.

We received a card from Margaret Cirone who must have had quite a trip. The card was postmarked Berlin — New York.

Our best wishes to Jennie Battery. She's wearing a lovely diamond.

Dick (Yanks) and Frank (Red Sox) are still battling it out for first place. Frank is in the lead but anything can happen judging from the way the Yanks have been playing.

### MICA

By Buttons and Bows

Eleanor Felix took off on a flying trip to Mexico recently to visit the Aztecs.

What Would Happen If:

Bob Cutler could eat only one breakfast?

Rocco Vigna could ever keep up with Ruth Bass in an argument?

Diamond Lil Goff got through one day without a laugh?

Jerry Lanoue ever moved fast except at lunch time or closing time?

Tra Bushika did not always cut her own hair?

### RESISTORS -- Navy Line

Vacation windups: Marguerite Todd took her vacation at home. Art Bissailion intends to varnish ten doors, build two chicken coops, paint his garage and do repairs on his car the first week he is home. The second week he intends to get out and shine his boots, clean his ten-gallon hat, press his checkered vest and run around town looking for the famous five-cent cigar he purchases annually. He's getting ready for the Cunningham Fair!

Helen Jobin is spending part of her vacation in Pennsylvania and the rest at Lake Sadawga where she will indulge in a little bass fishing on the side.

### RESISTORS

By Victor Gay

Agnes Fleming went to Washington for her vacation. Almina Rondau and Olive Bourdon just rested at home during their vacations.

Best wishes to Lillian Russell who has returned from her vacation and honeymoon after touring Maine, New Hampshire, Connecticut and Boston.

Stella Beauchamp flew to New Mexico for her vacation and while there visited her brother.

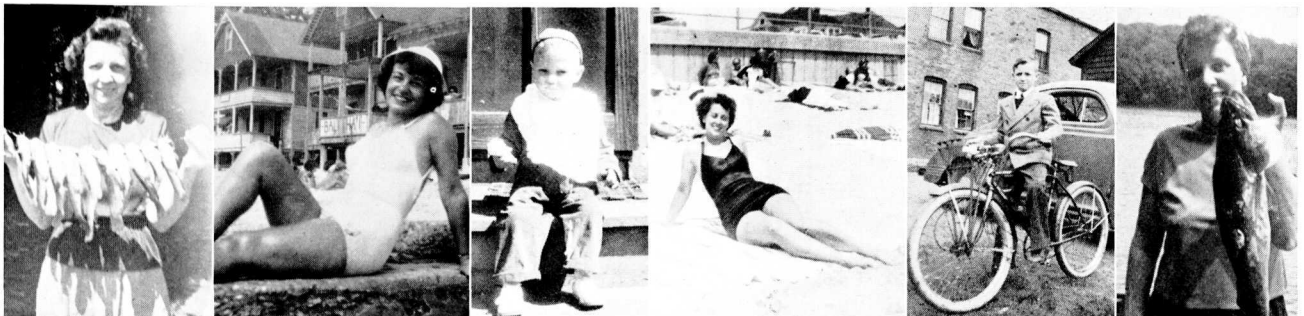
Jessie Pike travelled to the White Mountains in New Hampshire over the holiday weekend and did a little exploring of caves.

### WIRE COATING

By Betty Jangrow

While on vacation, Helen Burdick was one of the lucky people to get in to see the Cleveland Red Sox game on August 1. That was the night the record crowd of more than 38,000 saw them play. It was the first Big League game Helen had ever seen. Mr. Burdick, Betty Carol, Jack and Larry accompanied her. Of course, the Red Sox won that game 4-3. The Burdicks also motored through Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Massachusetts to see many points of interest.

At Peck enjoyed an evening at the Farmer's Field Day which was held in Adams by the 4-H Club.



Margaret Fortier of F.P. Ovens with bullheads caught at Lake Lauderdale while she was on vacation; Fran Melito at Myrtle Beach; David Allan Tatro, grandson of Blanche of Resistors and Leo, watchman at Brown Street; Gladys Hamer, of Industrial Oil Rolling, at Hampton Beach; Bobby Dempsey, grandson of Dora Burns of P.A.A. Final Soldering; Margaret Fortier shows the seven and one-half pound walleyed pike caught by Girdie Bissailion at Lake Lauderdale.

# SPORTS . . .

Kenny Russell



Serine LaBonte, Adrien Poirot and Albert Reopell, 15-year members of VFW, display the banners made by Adrien and his wife. The lettering is all in gold leaf and was sewed on by Mrs. Poirot.

## ● ● BASEBALL ● ●

### CITY SOFT-BALL LEAGUE

The Belouin Soft-ball team finally went down to defeat in the second half by their arch rival the Corner Cafe. It was a convincing win, and the Corner serves notice that from here in they will be hard to beat. Meanwhile, the Belouin team moves on to Worcester to represent Western Mass. in the Mass. Tourney. No matter what the rivalry, when a team from the Berkshires moves to the Eastern part of the State to play any sport they always carry the best wishes from all in the area for victory in the tourney.

The Sprague Electric has improved sufficiently to give all teams an interesting session. We have won our share of victories and, though we do not rate too high in league standings, many of our losses have been by 1 run. If this same team enters at the beginning of the season next year we all feel sure we can be among the top teams. After all, Belouin and the

Corner have been playing with the same players for years, and a well-knit team usually does just that. Our boys are always trying and the spirit shown can generally, with experience, mold a good club.

### NORTHERN BERKSHIRE TWILIGHT LEAGUE

The second half of this twilight league is a tight affair and, at this time, anyone can take the last half laurels. As you know, the Williamstown Legion took the first half honors and went through undefeated. However, in this last run of the schedule the going has been a bit rougher for the College Town lads. They lost their real star Billy Hart when he signed a Chicago Cub contract and is now playing in the mid-west on a Chicago farm team. We know that all fans in this area wish Bill the very best of luck and feel sure that his talent will allow him to make the grade.

### Junior American League Baseball

The Pittsfield Junior American Legion baseball nine is making quite a name for itself and has already taken the State title, the New England Crown, and has an excellent chance to win the Eastern Regional tourney, now going on at Trenton, N. J. With two victories and no defeats the Legion must win only one more to enter the National Championship to be held in Omaha, Nebraska. The Shire City lads have a fine club and an enviable record. Good luck, fellas!

### MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

In the American League, the New York Yankees still cling to 1st place but are being dogged very hard by the on-coming Boston Red Sox who, in the last month, have finally caught fire. The Cleveland Indians are right behind the Sox, and all three are battling furiously for the crown. Ted Williams has taken over the lead for the batting crown and Vern Stephens leads in home runs with 31.

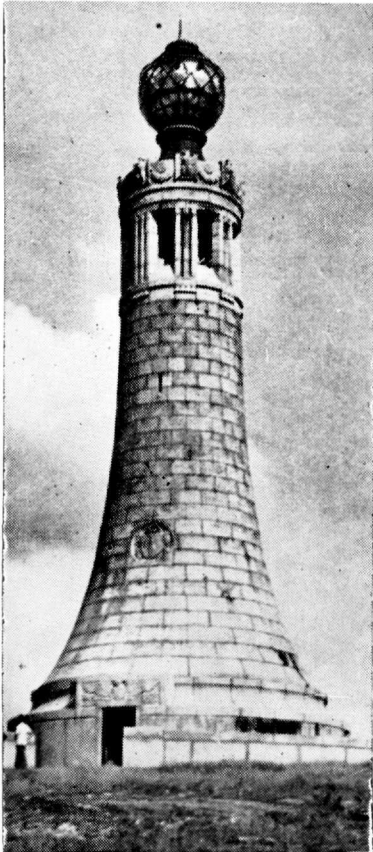
The National Circuit is a real dog-fight with first the Cardinals and then the Dodgers taking the lead. However, at this writing, the Cards are out in front by a game and a half. Way back some 12 games are the defending champs the Boston Braves. Bunched with the Braves are the Giants and the Phillies. Ralph Kiner still leads in the home run derby with 33 and Jackie Robinson holds the edge in the batting race with a lusty .362.

### FISHING CONTEST

Apparently fish bite better in hot weather such as we have suffered through most of the summer than they do in the pleasant cool weather we have enjoyed these past two weeks. The entries are still coming in, but they are not so numerous although they are just as impressive.

GEORGE BEVERLY, of Beaver Street Centrifuge, Brown Trout weighing 1 pound 14 ounces, measuring 18 inches in length, in Green River on July 29 at 2 p.m. The weather was sunny and bright and the lure was a WORM.

### Greylock Tower



This towering memorial to the war dead of World War I stands atop Mt. Greylock. Its beacon can be seen for seventy miles.

### CORRECTION

The names of the Red Cross nurses pictured in the blood donor picture carried in the anniversary issue of the LOG are Miss Margaret O'Brien, R.N., and Mrs. Harold McSheen, R.N. The LOG regrets the omission of these names in the caption.

### CLAMBAKE

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Marshall against the Beaver boys.

A feast of clams, corn, chicken, lobster and watermelon completed the most enjoyable day.

Submitted by Kenny Russell with apologies to all who are ribbed in fun.

## THE SQUARE RING

Sugar Roy Robinson defended his world's welterweight title for the fourth time when he met Kid Gavilan.

Ezzard Charles is to fight the winner of the Savold and Woodcock fight which will be fought sometime early in September. Lee Savold should take over Woodcock.

Leonard Morrow, the hard punching light heavyweight, has been making a great comeback and is now rated third.

Archie Moore, who has been rated number one in the light heavyweight class, has dropped to number two. Archie lost a foul to Clinton Bacon. Joey Maxim holds post number one.

Rocky Graziano, making a comeback, has been given post number ten. He knocked out Bobby Blaus in two rounds.

The story about Bert Lytell's drop to ninth place is that he was fighting outside his class.

Ike Williams, the lightweight champ, defeated Irvin Stein, non-title, in a ten round decision.

Enrique Bolanos who is the challenger for the lightweight title also won a ten-round decision over Tony Mar.

Johnny Gonsalves, in the lightweight class, held Mazie Docusen number five post to a draw and then gave a beating to Joey Barnum.

Beau Jack has been eliminated from the ten rated men by losing to Eddie Diosa.

Jimmy Bivins defeated Willie Beau in ten rounds but lost to Leonard Morrow by a decision.

Harold Johnson who is rated seventh defeated Henry Qall in the light-heavyweight class. Doc Williams is still rated eighth.

Steve Belloise and Sugar Ray are now in training for a fight match that is to be fought in September.

Peter Mancuso

## I C W NO. 2 CLAMBAKE - AUGUST 20



The smoke rising in the background shows what was happening when this picture was taken.



Horseshoe pitching was only one of the sports enjoyed by the large crowd.